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MEMORANDUM

TO: Reporters and EditorsRE: HCFA AdministratorDA: Thursday, March 22, 2001

Sen. Chuck Grassley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, issued the following comment today regarding President Bush's appointment of Thomas A. Scully to head the Health Care Financing Administration.

"I look forward to having Tom Scully on the job as the administrator of HCFA. He will bring a wealth of knowledge to an agency that provides health care for over 74 million Americans through Medicare, Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. HCFA also oversees the quality of care delivered in nursing homes and hospitals across the country. Strong leadership from the HCFA administrator is critically important to effective enforcement of the regulations designed to ensure beneficiaries receive high quality care."